

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Wesleyan Hills Farmhouse Historic: Eben Hubbard House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Long Hill Road; east side, 2.5 miles south of Daniels St.
- 4. OWNER(S): Hill Development Corporation PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Professional offices Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Second Empire DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1874-1875

- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
 other: _____ foundation

- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____

- 10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
(wing) asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____

- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30'x30'; wing 20'x27'

- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Some windows boarded up

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: three board
 carriage house shop garden and batten barns in rear; sculpture in front
yard

- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This large Second Empire house is sited on a hill; at a bend in Long Hill Road. The property has a number of barns and is surrounded by modern single family and condominium development. The house and associated barns have been functionally integrated into the surrounding development.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Hubbards were an active family in the Long Hill district of Middletown. Eben Hubbard built this Second Empire farmhouse, probably in 1874 or 1875. It is presently owned by the Hill Development Corporation (Wesleyan Hills Association) which rents it for professional offices.

The house has a cubical form displaying a typical mansard slate roof with dormers. Its decorative elements include a bracketed cornice and window caps. A wide verandah extends around the front facade. It has decorative columns, a bracketed cornice and side staircases. Attached to the rear of the building is a 1½-story wing with a mansard roof which conforms to the main block of the house. There are also three board-and-batten barns in the rear.

The Hubbard House is in well-preserved condition and is a good example of a style rarely found in rural districts in Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 10/78 view: _____
negative on file: Roll 48, #27



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19. SOURCES: Middletown City Directories; 1874
Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____